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INFORMATION ON STALINABAD AND KHOROG,  
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This report presents information on Stalinabad, capital of  
 the Tadzhik SSR, and on Khorog, situated along the Tadzhik-Afghan  
 border.

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STALINABAD -- Stalinabad, Tadzhikistani Gurkh, 14 Jun 53

After the Tadzhik ASSR became the Tadzhik SSR, its capital, Dushambe, was  
 renamed Stalinabad by decree of the Third All-Tadzhik Congress of 19 October  
 1929. With its dress factories, silk mills, textile and knitting mills, shoe  
 and tobacco factories, cotton carding plants, tanneries, distilleries, brewer-  
 ies, and cheese processing and meat canning plants, Stalinabad is the most im-  
 portant industrial center of the Tadzhik SSR.

The "Traktorodetal" Plant, the Ordzhonikidze motor vehicle repair plant,  
 and several others are among the most important industrial installations of  
 Stalinabad. Stalinabad grew after World War II, and many important buildings  
 have been erected. Among these are the government building, the "Vatan"  
 (fatherland) cinema and theater building, and a 67-unit apartment building in  
 Moscow Maydan (Square). New streets have been constructed and paved. Most im-  
 portant are Nizami Kutcha (Street), Voroshilov Kutcha, Michurin Kutcha, Kirov  
 Kutcha, and Ayhi Kutcha. During 1952 alone, 100 million rubles were spent for  
 the reconstruction of Stalinabad. In this work, Tadzhik architects rendered  
 valuable services.

Stalinabad now has a new institute of agriculture, new dormitory build-  
 ings for students of the medical institute on Lenin Kutcha, a planetarium, a  
 new and luxurious hotel at the railway station square, new apartment buildings  
 with 28 to 60 units each, a new state library, medical establishments, and a  
 new stadium.

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Stalinabad is the cultural center of the Tadzhik SSR. Thousands of students are attending the 32 schools -- more than 20 of which are technikums and secondary schools -- and the five institutions of higher learning. Students of the latter institutions include, besides the Tadzhiks, Uzbeks, Russians, Turkmen, Kazakhs, Kizghiz, Armenians, and Koreans.

There is also a state opera house in Stalinabad.

The State University of the Tadzhik SSR, and the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR are also located in Stalinabad.

KHOROG -- Stalinabad, Tadzhikistani Surkh, 21 Jun 53

Known as "the city at the roof of the world," Khorog is the principal city of Gorno-Badakhshanskaya Autonomous Oblast. It has a pedagogical institute and a correspondence teachers' institute /probably a division of the pedagogical institute/, from which hundreds of teachers graduate each year.

In addition, there are in Khorog two secondary schools, two 7-year schools, four elementary schools, a state boarding school, a kindergarten, a one-year school for the preparation of agricultural management cadres, and a school for nurses. Two oblast papers are published in Khorog. Under the Soviet regime a statistical research bureau for preventive medicine has been established in Khorog.

The hospital and polyclinic of Khorog are serving the needs of the oblast workers. Khorog is connected both with Stalinabad and with other rayons by a vast network of roads.

Besides hydroelectric power stations and telephone, telegraph, and radio stations, there are in Khorog a poultry farm and an airfield /stantsia havapima; literally, airplane station/.

The botanical garden of the Academy of Sciences Tadzhik SSR which is located in Khorog is doing valuable scientific research work. Buildings which have been constructed in Khorog during the Fifth Five-Year Plan include the new motion picture theater house, the school of agriculture, the bathhouse, the new bookstore, and many new houses. Likewise, the construction of a new stadium and of a new poultry farm is being stepped up.

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